

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5099
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2001
TRANSFER OF SALT INDUSTRIES
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the names and location of salt industries transferred by the Central Government to Rajasthan alongwith their status;
- (b) whether private producers to whom small plots have been allotted at various places by the said industry, are earning profit and moreover they are providing employment to thousands of local people inspite of their location in remote areas;
- (c) whether the Union Government have been requested to transfer a publicsector undertaking M/s. Sambhar Salt Limited which is running in loss due to constant administrative and financial mismanagement to the Government of Rajasthan; and
- (d) if so, the action taken at the level of State Government and Central Government on the said proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

- (a)& (b): Central Government has not transferred any Salt industries to Rajasthan Government or to private producers.
- (c)& (d): The Government of Rajasthan had requested the Government of Indiafor retransfer of the leased out area of Sambhar Salt Limited. The request was, however, not agreed to as it was not in the overall interest of the company.